






Medlab Pathology
Collection Swab and Thin Prep Chart

CODE	STOPPER COLOUR	DETERMINATIONS	INSTRUCTIONS
108CIS	 Blue Top Clear Amies, Plastic Applicator	Used for routine bacterial culture e.g. pus, wound/skin, ear, nose, throat and eye swabs	<u>Not suitable for viral culture</u>
155CIS	 White Cap Plastic Swab, Rayon Applicator	Dry Swab suitable for PCR (Herpes, Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Varicella Zoster and Pertussis)	<u>Not Suitable for viral or bacterial culture</u>
147CV	 Green Top Viral Swab	Use for any viral PCR. Suitable for HSV, VZV, EBV, Measles, HPV and Respiratory viruses PCR. Also suitable for viral culture	Not suitable for bacterial culture
160CIS	 Orange Top Plastic Swab, Aluminium Applicator	Use for naso-pharyngeal specimen (Pertussis PCR). If used for urethral cultures (e.g. N. gonorrhoeae) must be placed into Transport Medium	Suitable for PCR (if culture required, transfer the Swab to the tube with Transport Medium)
	 ThinPrep Vial	Thin prep vial solution In addition to being used for Cytology related procedures are also required for HPV-DNA testing. Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea PCR can be performed	Follow same collection instructions for any of the tests listed